GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:174
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007
ACCREDITATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coileges and universities in the country accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during the current financial year,till date;

(b) whether a large number of colleges and universities have never been assessed for quality and standards by the body set up for the purpose;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that ail the colleges and universities get accreditation from NAAC in order to improve the academic standards?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2007 ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY AND SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR REGARDING ACCREDITATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

(a) to (d) In pursuance of National Policy on Education, 1986 and the Programme of Action,1992 the University Grants Commission had established the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) as an autonomous institution to assess and accredit institutions of higher learning in the country in the year 1994, under Section 12(ccc) of the UGC Act. 1956.Inspite of accreditation by NAAC at present being only on voluntary basis, the NAAC has so far been able to assess and accredit 140 universities and 3492 colleges. With a view to expediting assessment and accreditation of institutions, the NAAC has introduced a new methodology w.e.f, 1st April, 2007.